Specific proposed changes for 2018-19 are listed below. All other season components except calendar year rotation are proposed unchanged from 2017.

REGION 1

<u>HD 100/101/102/103/104/120/122/123/124/132</u>: Add Permit to Hunt from a Vehicle (PTHFV) antlerless Elk permits valid 10/20/2018- 11/25/2018 a as follows:

HD	LPT	Quota	Quota Range
100	100-01	5	5-10
101	101-03	5	5-50
102	102-01	5	5-50
103	103-01	5	5-10
104	104-01	5	5-10
120	120-01	5	1-10
122	122-01	5	5-50
123	123-01	5	5-50
124	124-01	5	5-50
132	132-01	3	1-10

<u>HD 101</u>: Remove 101-00, 101-01, 101-02 antlerless Elk permits

 $\underline{HD\ 101/109}$: Increase 199-00 antlerless permit quota range from 5-100 to 5-150, Lengthen shoulder season dates from 8/15-10/14 to 8/15-2/15

HD 109: Remove 109-00, 109-02 antlerless Elk permits

<u>HD 121</u>: Eliminate language regarding additional B licenses for companions for the 121-01 PTHFV antlerless Elk permit

REGION 2

Remove HD-specific B-Licenses: 210-03, 210-05, 296-00 (HDs 212/213), 215-02, 217-00, 240-00, 261-01, 262-01, 281-00, 283-03, 285-01, 290-00, 299-00 (HDs 290/298), 291-01, 292-00

Add Regional 002-00 OTC Elk B-license: HDs 201, 204, 210, 211, 212, 213, 215, 216, 217, 260, 261, 262, 270, 281, 283, 285, 290, 291, 292, 293, 298. Must purchase starting Aug 7 and before the start of the general season. Only valid on private lands excluding Weyerhaeuser, Stimson, & Nature Conservancy lands. Valid in all Region 2 HDs except HDs 200, 202, 203, 214, 240, 250, 280, 282 & 284 as in the table below:

Specific proposed changes for 2018-19 are listed below. All other season components except calendar year rotation are proposed unchanged from 2017.

Elk 002-00 B-License application in Region 2 hunting districts. These include new shoulder seasons in HDs 204, 211, 216, 260, 262, 283 and 293.

	Season				
HD	Opens Closes Type		Type	Restriction	
204, 262	8/15	8/31	Shoulder	None	
260 west of HWY 93 in Missoula County	8/15	8/31	Shoulder	ArchEquip, shotgun, trad handgun, muzzleloader, crossbow	
	9/1	10/19	Archery	Arch Equip only	
	10/20	1/15	Shoulder	ArchEquip, shotgun, trad handgun, muzzleloader, crossbow	
260 east of HWY 93 in Missoula County and in Ravalli County	8/15	2/15	Shoulder	Arch Equip only	
215	8/15	11/25	Shoulder	None	
292	8/15	11/25	Shoulder	Only valid in the Blackfoot watershed	
210, 211, 212, 213, 216, 217, 290, 291, 298	8/15	2/15	Shoulder	None	
293	8/15	2/15	Shoulder	Only valid in the south portion of 293.	
201, 204, 261, 262, 281, 283, 285, 292	9/1	10/14	Archery	None	
	10/20	11/25	General	None	
270	10/20	11/25	General	Only valid in Rye-north portion	
283	11/26	2/15	Shoulder	Only valid west of both Rattlesnake Creek and the Rattlesnake Wilderness/Recreation Area.	
204, 262	10/20	2/15	Shoulder	None	
215	11/26	2/15	Shoulder	Also valid on Spotted Dog WMA by special drawing in Deer Lodge; see regulations available from R2 542-5500	

<u>HD 201</u>: Change 201-00 antlerless Elk permit quota range from 5-300 to 5-400, valid in the entire district Remove 201-01 antlerless Elk permit

Remove Nine Mile-Six Mile portion restriction from general license youth and PTHFV Remove Nemote Creek Area and Nine Mile-Six Mile portions

Specific proposed changes for 2018-19 are listed below. All other season components except calendar year rotation are proposed unchanged from 2017.

<u>HD 203</u>: Add 203-00 antlerless permit (quota 150, range 25-450) only valid east of Petty Cr - Grave Cr road during archery and general seasons, holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 203,

Add antlerless elk opportunity to the general license archery season, only valid east of Petty Cr - Grave Cr road.

Add antlerless elk opportunity to the general license general season for youth and PTHFV, only valid east of Petty Cr - Grave Cr road.

Add portion of HD 203 east of Petty Cr - Grave Cr road

- <u>HD 204</u>: Change 204-00 Elk B-license to antlerless Elk permit (quota 150, range 5-200) valid in both the archery and general seasons, holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 204
- <u>HD 240</u>: Remove south of Carlton Cr language for general license entire HD BTB for general or BTB/Antlerless for youth and PTHFV.

Add 240-01 antlerless Permit (quota 100, range 5-300) valid archery and general. Valid shoulder season (12/01-02/15) south of Mormon creek and outside the National Forest Boundary, holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 240

- <u>HD 250</u>: Add 250-00 Elk B-license (quota 10, quota range 1-25) valid in both the archery and general seasons
- <u>HD 260</u>: Add early (8/15-8/31) and change late (from 12/01-01/15 to 12/01-02/15) shoulder seasons for the 260-00 B-license, include with weapons restrictions
- <u>HD 261</u>: Change 261-00 Elk B-license to antlerless Elk permit (quota 35, range 5-200) valid in both the archery and general seasons
- HD 270: Remove antlerless Elk permits 270-01, 270-03, 270-04, and 270-05

Change 270-00 antlerless permit to a B-license (quota 100, range 10-200) only valid north of Rye Creek during archery and general seasons, holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 270 Change 270-02 antlerless permit to a B-license (quota 200, range 20-800) only valid in East

Fork/West Highway 93 portion during archery and general seasons

Add general license youth antlerless opportunity to current brow-tined bull archery season opportunity for youth

Add general license antlerless opportunity during the archery only season

Add general license general season antlerless opportunity for youth and PTHFV

Remove portion West of HWY 93. Change East Fork portion to include former east fork portion and portion west of highway 93 portion.

- HD 281: Remove only valid west of the Blackfoot River restriction from 281-01 antlerless permit
 - Remove portions of HD 281 east and west of the North Blackfoot River
- <u>HD 293</u>: Make 293-00 antlerless Elk permit valid in the entire district by removing the 293-south portion restriction

Specific proposed changes for 2018-19 are listed below. All other season components except calendar year rotation are proposed unchanged from 2017.

REGION 3

- <u>HDS 300/302/320/322/323/324/325/326/327/328/329/330/331/332/333/340/350/370</u>:
 Increase 399-00 B License quota from 500 to 750. This adds HDs 329/331/332/340/350/370
- HD 309: Change 395-00 Elk B License season dates to align with the 309 general license season dates
- <u>HD 310</u>: Remove 310-45 unlimited BTB permit. Allow archery and general season hunting of BTB on a general license. Not valid on FWP and USFS lands in the Gallatin Special Management Area.
- <u>HD 312</u>: Add late (11/26-01/01) antlerless shoulder season to the general license, not valid on National Forest land
- <u>HD 312/390/393</u>: 397-00 Remove only valid on private land from all season descriptions except the early (8/15-8/31) shoulder season, add not valid on National Forest lands during the (10/20-01/01) shoulder season
- <u>HD 314</u>: Change 314-00 Elk B-license to only valid on private land Add PTHFV opportunity to general license general season
- <u>HD 317</u>: Add antlerless opportunity and remove youth and PTHFV from general license general season
- HD 319: Change 319-00 Elk B-license quota range from 5-400 to 5-500
- HD 323: Remove 323-00 Elk B-license
- HD 329/331/332: Remove 329-00 Elk B-license
- <u>HD 331/332</u>: Add antlerless opportunity to the general license general season
- HD 339/343: Combine 339-00 and 343-00 Elk B-licenses into a new 399-00 antlerless elk permit (quota 600, range 300-1000) valid in both district during the general and archery seasons, holders 16 and older may not hunt antlered elk in either of these HDs.
- <u>HD 340</u>: Change general license BTB/antlerless opportunity from a 2-week to a season to a 5-week general season
 - Remove 340-10 BTB/Antlerless permit
- HD 350/370: Remove 399-01 Elk B-license
- <u>HD 360</u>: Remove hunters with a PTHFV restriction and add antlerless opportunity to general season general license

Specific proposed changes for 2018-19 are listed below. All other season components except calendar year rotation are proposed unchanged from 2017.

<u>HD 380</u>: Add antlerless opportunity during a portion of the general season10/20-11/1, Only valid off National Forest land within the defined South and North Portions of the HD. Not valid the rest of the HD.

Change Elk B-license quotas and quota ranges as follows:

380-00 – From quota 125 (range 50-500) to quota 150 (range 50-400)

380-01 – From quota 350 (range 50-500) to quota 150 (range 50-400)

380-02 – From quota 325 (range 50-550) to quota 175 (range 50-400)

<u>HD 390/393</u>: Change general license antlerless shoulder season (11/26-01/01) from only valid on private land to not valid on National Forest land

HD 391: Remove general season general license BTB/antlerless youth only restriction
Increase 391-00 B-license quota from 350 to 400 and add shoulder season from 11/26-01/01, only valid south of Duck Creek

REGION 4

All R4 HDs except 410 and 455: Change 004-00 Elk B-license as follows:

	Season		
Start	End	Type	Districts Added
8/15	8/31	Shoulder	422, 423, 444, 447
9/1	10/14	Archery	none
10/20	11/25	General	none
10/15	2/15	Shoulder	411, 412
10/20	2/15	Shoulder	421, 422, 423, 444, 447

<u>HD 410</u>: Add 410-02 Elk B-license (quota 300, range 100-500) only valid on private and DNRC lands, not valid on BLM lands or CMR Refuge.

<u>HD 411</u>: Add general license shoulder season from 10/15-10/19 and extend the general season to 2/15, both not valid on National Forest lands

HD 411/511/530: Expand shoulder season for 411-00 B-license as follows

-Aug 15 - Aug 31 -Antlerless Elk. Not valid on National Forest lands.

-Sep 01 - Oct 14 - Antlerless Elk. Archery Only Season.

-Oct 15 - Oct 19 - Antlerless Elk. Not valid on National Forest lands.

-Oct 20 - Feb 15 - Antlerless Elk.

Specific proposed changes for 2018-19 are listed below. All other season components except calendar year rotation are proposed unchanged from 2017.

- HD 412: Add general license shoulder season from 10/15-10/19 and extend the general season to 2/15
- <u>HD 422</u>: Change 422-00 Elk B-license quota range from 100-350 to 25-350, add early and late shoulder seasons to general license, not valid on National Forest lands
- <u>HD 421/422/423/444/447</u>: Add early (8/15-8/31) and late (11/26-02/15) general license shoulder seasons, not valid on National Forest lands
- <u>HD 442</u>: Change 442-00 Elk B-license quota range from 50-300 to 25-300, add note to general season description if quota is reached, licenses would remain valid OUTSIDE National Forest boundary.
 - Add note to the general license general season as follows antlerless elk would remain valid OUTSIDE National Forest boundary
- HD 450: Change 450-20 permit quota range from 5-10 to 1-15
- <u>HD 455</u>: Change 455-00 B-license quota range from 25-250 to 25-500, add note successful 455-00 license holders may use general elk license to harvest 2nd antlerless elk in HD455

Specific proposed changes for 2018-19 are listed below. All other season components except calendar year rotation are proposed unchanged from 2017.

REGION 5

005-00 B-license - Expand shoulder season to all HDs with season structures as in the table below.

Elk 005-00 B-License application in Region 5 hunting districts.

	Season		n		
Hunting Districts	Opens	Closes	Season type	Restriction	
500, 502, 511, 520, 530, 540, 570, 575, 580, 590	8/15	8/31	Early	Only valid on private land	
510	8/15	8/31	Early	Only valid on private land west of HWY 310	
560	8/15	8/31	Early	Only valid on private land. Not valid in that portion in the Main Boulder River drainage south of Falls Cr.	
500, 502, 570, 575, 590	9/1	10/14	Archery	None	
510	9/1	10/14	Archery	Only valid west of HWY 310	
511, 520, 530, 540, 560, 580	9/1	10/14	Archery	Not valid on National Forest lands	
500 ,502, 511, 520, 530, 540, 570, 575, 580, 590	10/15	10/19	Dead Week	Only valid on private land	
510	10/15	10/19	Dead Week	Only valid on private land west of HWY 310	
560	10/15	10/19	Dead Week	Only valid on private land. Not valid in that portion in the Main Boulder River drainage south of Falls Cr.	
520, 540, 560	10/20	11/25	General	Not valid on National Forest lands	
500, 502, 570, 575, 590	10/20	2/15	Late	None	
560	11/26	2/15	Late	Only valid on private land. Not valid in that portion in the Main Boulder River drainage south of Falls Cr.	
520, 540	11/26	2/15	Late	Not valid on National Forest lands or FWP WMAs	
510	10/20	2/15	Late	Only valid west of HWY 310	
511, 530, 580	10/20	2/15	Late	Not valid on National Forest lands	

Region 5 General License changes: Extend General License late shoulder season opportunity to 2/15 in all HDs with variations in private vs. public land

 $\underline{\text{HD }500}$: Early and dead week shoulder season only valid on private land. Late shoulder season for the general license to 02/15

HD 502/570/575/590: Remove 502-00, 570-00, 575-00, and 590-00 Elk B-licenses

Specific proposed changes for 2018-19 are listed below. All other season components except calendar year rotation are proposed unchanged from 2017.

- <u>HD 502/570/575</u>: Remove private land only restriction from the late shoulder season for the general license
- HD 510: Extend the late shoulder season for the general license to 02/15
- <u>HD 511/520/530</u>: Extend the late shoulder season for the general license to 02/15 and add not valid on National Forest lands. HD 520 late shoulder season only valid north and west of the West Fork of Rock Creek.
- HD 560/540/580: Extend the 540-00, 560-00 and 580-00 B-license shoulder seasons to 02/15
- <u>HD 540</u>: Extend the late shoulder season for the general license to 02/15 and add not valid on National Forest lands or FWP WMAs
- <u>HD 560/580</u>: Extend the late shoulder season for the general license to 02/15 and change only valid on private land to not valid on National Forest lands
- HD 590: General license changes:
 - o Extend late shoulder season to 02/15 and remove only valid on private land north of the Yellowstone River.
 - o Change early and "dead week" shoulder season and general season restriction *from* Only valid on private land north of the Yellowstone River *to* Only valid on private land.

REGION 6

HD 620/621/622/630/631/632: Extend the 699-00 Elk B-license shoulder season to close 01/15

HD 680/690: Extend the 696-00 Elk B-license shoulder season to close 01/15

REGION 7

- <u>HD 700/701/702/703/704/705</u>: Expand 007-00 B-license opportunity by removing not valid on National Forest lands or CMR Refuge restriction from the archery season
- <u>HD 700</u>: Remove 798-01 B License and incorporate into 007-00 B-license.
- <u>HD 702/704/705</u>: Change general licenses to allow spike bull harvest during the general and archery seasons

Change the 799-00 B-license from quota 400 (range 25-400) to quota 600 (range 25-800)

2016 Shoulder Season HDs

43 HDs in Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 – Adopt elk season structure annually to facilitate evaluation of shoulder season efficacy and revisiting their adoption on a 3-year cycle.